The Hongkong Telegraph.

No. 3581 — SATURDAY, OCTOBER 21, 1893. — SIX DOLLARS PER QUARTER

Banks.

THE NATIONAL BANK OF CHINA, LIMITED.

Authorised Capital £1,000,000
Subscribed Capital ..... £ 500,000

HEAD OFFICE:—HONGKONG.

Court of Directors:—
D. Gillies, Esq. | Chow Tung Shang, Esq.
Chan Kit Shan, Esq. | Kwan Hoi Chuen, Esq.
H. Stolterfoht, Esq.

Chief Manager,
GEO. W. F. PLAYFAIR.

Branches.—London, Yokohama, Shanghai and Amoy.

BANKERS:—
The Commercial Bank of Scotland.
Parrs Banking Co., and The Alliance Bank (Ld.)

Interest for 12 months Fixed, 5 per Cent.
" 6 " " 4 "
" 3 " " 3 "
CURRENT ACCOUNTS 2 "

Hongkong, 24th May, 1893. [8

THE BANK OF CHINA, JAPAN, AND THE STRAITS, LIMITED.

SUBSCRIBED CAPITAL £2,000,000
CAPITAL CALLED-UP ..... £ 251,093.15.0

BOARD OF DIRECTORS:
Wm. Keswick, Esq.—Chairman.
Adolf von André, Esq. | F. D. Sassoon, Esq.
Egbert Iveson, Esq. | H. D. Stewart, Esq.
David McLean, Esq.

HONGKONG COMMITTEE:
The Hon. J. J. Keswick. | The Hon. C. P. Chater.
H. Hopplus, Esq.

Head Office—3, Princes Street, London.
Branches—Bombay, Calcutta, Hongkong, and Shanghai.
Agencies—Penang, Singapore, and Yokohama.

RATES OF INTEREST,
ALLOWED on CURRENT ACCOUNTS and Fixed Deposits, can be ascertained on application.

CHANTREY INCHBALD,
Manager.

Hongkong, 10th April, 1893. [887

THE MERCANTILE BANK OF INDIA, LIMITED.

AUTHORISED CAPITAL £1,500,000
SUBSCRIBED £1,125,000

BANKERS:
LONDON JOINT STOCK BANK, LIMITED.

INTEREST ALLOWED on CURRENT ACCOUNTS at the Rate of 2 per cent. per annum on the Daily Balance.

ON FIXED DEPOSITS:—
For 12 Months ..... 5 per cent.
" 6 " ..... 4 "
" 3 " ..... 3 "

JOHN THURBURN,
Manager, Hongkong.

Hongkong, 4th February, 1893. [192

Intimations.

CALDBECK, MACGREGOR & Co.,

WINE and SPIRIT MERCHANTS,

HONGKONG, SHANGHAI, LONDON AND GLASGOW.

13, Queen's Road,
Hongkong, 24th August, 1893. [939

THOMAS' GRILL ROOMS,

(Corner of Queen's Road and Duddell Street.)

THE Undersigned has always thought that such a place as this was the one thing needed to fit in between HOTEL LIFE and the PRIVATE BOARDING HOUSE—providing it be First-class in every detail. A place where one may have his GRILLED CHOP or STEAK at any hour of the Day, up to 11 P.M., or later if notice be given. He is also prepared to SUPPLY MEALS to PRIVATE PARTIES per MENU or ORDER—the Parties sending Dishes, &c., for same—and Cash Scale on application.

Monthly Board for One Person $35.00
Tiffin $15.00

AMERICAN FROZEN OYSTERS always on hand and served in every Style.

Breakfast $0.50
Tiffin $0.75
Dinner $1.00

SPECIAL TIFFINS and DINNERS served in Excellent Style at short notice.

W. THOMAS,
Proprietor.

Hongkong, 3rd May, 1893. [528

BOARD AND RESIDENCE.

COMFORTABLY FURNISHED or UNFURNISHED ROOMS, with Board and Table Accommodation.

Apply to
Mrs. MATHER,
2, Pedder's Hill.

Hongkong, 28th February, 1893. [56

AN APPEAL.

THE SUPERIORESS of the ITALIAN CONVENT, CAINE ROAD, begs most respectfully to APPEAL to the Residents of Hongkong and the Coast Ports, for their kind patronage and support, and desires to state that she will be pleased to receive orders for all kinds of NEEDLE WORK.

Gentlemen's Shirts made to order, and Cuffs and Collars renewed on old ones.

Ladies and Children's Under-clothing, Children's Dresses, and all kinds of Embroidery, Materials can be supplied, if required.

The Superioress will also be most grateful for any PAPER, or old ENVELOPES to be made into Books for the Children of the Poor Schools, who are taught by the Sisters.

Hongkong, 22nd April, 1893. [402

Insurances.

THE STANDARD.

ENDOWMENT ASSURANCE.

1. AMONG THE MANY ADVANTAGES of this form of Assurance, the following may be mentioned:—
   (a)—It secures an immediate Provision for wife and family or other relatives in event of early death.
   (b)—It provides a Fund for Retirement.
   (c)—It supplies an excellent Investment for the regular accumulation of small fixed sums of money.
   (d)—The Surrender and loan values are larger than under ordinary Policies.
2. AFTER THE POLICY HAS BEEN THREE YEARS IN FORCE—should the Policy-holder wish to discontinue future payments—he will be entitled to receive, on application, a FREE PAID-UP POLICY for a proportionate amount of the Sum Assured, as explained in the Prospectus.

Full particulars on application,
DODWELL, CARLILL & Co.,
Agents,
STANDARD LIFE OFFICE.

Hongkong, 8th August, 1893. [747

SOUTH BRITISH FIRE AND MARINE INSURANCE COMPANY OF NEW ZEALAND.

THE Undersigned are prepared to accept FIRE and MARINE INSURANCES on favourable terms.

Current rates, and a guaranteed Bonus equal to that paid by the local Offices.

S. J. DAVID & Co.,
Agents.

Hongkong, 1st November, 1893. [415

NOTICE.

THE MANCHUORIA INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

CAPITAL SUBSCRIBED $1,000,000

The above Company is prepared to accept MARINE RISKS at CURRENT RATES on GOODS, &c. Policies granted to all Parts of the world payable at any of its Agencies.

CHAU TSEUNG FAT,
Secretary.

HEAD OFFICE.
No. 2, QUEEN'S ROAD WEST.

Hongkong, 1st September, 1893. [173

GENERAL NOTICE.

THE ON TAI INSURANCE COMPANY, (LIMITED.)

CAPITAL, TAELS 600,000 } $833,333.33.
EQUAL TO ..... "!! }
RESERVE FUND ..... $318,000.00.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS.
LEE SING, Esq. | LO YEUK MOON, Esq.
LOU TSO SHUN, Esq.

MANAGER.—HO AMEI.

MARINE RISKS on GOODS, &c., taken at CURRENT RATES to all parts of the World.

HEAD OFFICE, 8 & 9, PRAYA WEST.

Hongkong, 17th December, 1888. [974

Intimations.

WANTED.

A ROTARY PRINTING PRESS. Size about 36 by 41 inches, or a trifle larger. Must be in working order.

Apply, stating terms, &c. to
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Hongkong, 14th September, 1893. [1014

D. R. KNORR'S
LION BRAND
ANTIPYRINE.

(DOSE FOR ADULTS 15 TO 35 GRAINS TROY.)

IS the most approved and most efficacious remedy in cases of HEADACHE, MIGRAINE, NEURALGIA, RHEUMATISM, FEVER, TYPHUS, INFLUENZA, DENGUE, ERYSIPELAS, HOOPING COUGH, and many other complaints. It is also the very best Antiseptic. Highly recommended by the Medical Faculty. Ask for Dr. KNORR'S ANTIPYRINE! Each Tin bears the Inventor's signature "Dr. KNORR" in red letters.

"DERMATOL" is the best Vulnerary; its effect in stimulating the closing up of Wounds, is described as amazing.

To be had at every reputed Chemist and Druggist.

Supplies constantly on hand at the China Export Import and Bank Co.—Sole Agents for China.

Beware of spurious imitations.

Hongkong, 1st April, 1893. [406

F. BLACKHEAD & CO.,

SHIP-CHANDLERS, SAILMAKERS, COAL AND PROVISION MERCHANTS, NAVAL CONTRACTORS AND GENERAL COMMISSION AGENTS.

PRAYA CENTRAL, HONGKONG.

SOLE AGENTS FOR
HARTMANN'S RAHTJEN'S GENUINE COMPOSITION.
HARTMANN'S GREY PAINT.
DAIMLER'S PATENT MOTOR LAUNCHES, &c., &c., &c.

EVERY KIND OF
SHIPS STORES AND REQUISITES ALWAYS IN STOCK
AT
REASONABLE PRICES.

Hongkong, 11th July, 1893. [768

Intimations.

W. POWELL & CO.,

ARE NOW LANDING PER S.S. "RADNORSHIRE"
FURTHER SHIPMENTS
OF
NEW GOODS.
LADIES', GENTLEMEN'S AND CHILDREN'S
FELT HATS,
&c., &c., &c.
W. POWELL & CO.

Hongkong, 21st October, 1893. [6

THE HONGKONG HOTEL.

TELEGRAPHIC ADDRESS, "Kremlin"—A. B. C. Code.—TELEPHONE, No. 32.

PROPRIETORS ..... THE HONGKONG HOTEL COMPANY, LIMITED.

THE HONGKONG HOTEL—the most commodious and best appointed Hotel in the Far East, affords unequalled accommodation to travellers and others. It is situated in the centre of the town, opposite the General Post Office and the Hongkong Club, adjacent to Pedder's Wharf (the principal landing stage of the Colony) and in close proximity to the Banks and Shipping Offices.

The HOTEL STEAM LAUNCH conveys passengers and baggage to and from all Mail Steamers.

THE TABLE D'HOTE, at separate tables, is supplied with every delicacy, the *cuisine* being under experienced supervision.

THE BED-ROOMS, with adjoining Bath-rooms, are lofty and well ventilated, open on to spacious Verandahs, are lighted by gas and fitted throughout with electric communicators.

The Reading, Writing and Smoking Rooms, Ladies' Drawing Rooms, the new Bar and public BILLIARD ROOMS (Six English and American Tables) are fitted with every convenience.

A handsomely appointed GRILL ROOM, where chops, steaks, &c., are served at any hour adjoins the HOTEL, and is under the same Management.

The WINES & SPIRITS are selected by an Expert and the BEST BRANDS only are supplied.

HYDRAULIC ASCENDING-ROOMS of the latest and most approved type convey passengers and baggage from the Entrance Hall to each of the five floors above.

NIGHT-PORTERS and WATCHMEN are continually on duty.

R. TUCKER
Manager.

Hongkong, 12th February, 1892. [108

KELLY & WALSH, LD.

IN ORDER TO EFFECT A CLEARANCE, WE OFFER OUR
SURPLUS STOCK
OF
FRENCH NOVELS,
AT THE RATE OF
$5.00 per DOZEN or 50 CENTS EACH.

KELLY & WALSH, LIMITED,

Hongkong, 14th October, 1893. [7

SHOOTING SEASON 1893!

FOWLING PIECES IN CASES WITH IMPLEMENTS.
MARTINI-HENRI MATCH RIFLES, WINCHESTER CARBINES, COLTS' "LIGHTNING" CARBINES, REVOLVERS.

ELEY'S CARTRIDGE CASES:—
METAL-COVERED, GREEN, BLUE AND BROWN.
CARTRIDGES LOADED with (E.C.) or "ALLIANCE" GUNPOWDER.
PIGOU, WILKS AND LAWRENCE'S "ALLIANCE" SPORTING POWDER.

NEWCASTLE CHILLED SHOT.
WADS, CAPS, LOADING MACHINES, RE-CAPPERS, CARTRIDGE BELTS AND BAGS.
GUN CLEANERS, &c., &c.

LANE, CRAWFORD & Co.

Hongkong, 9th August, 1893. [1071

CENTRAL HOTEL,
SHANGHAI.

THIS long established SELECT Family Hotel, situated on the Bund, facing the river, in the centre of the Settlements, has lately undergone extensive alterations, and is now fitted with the latest modern improvements, including Bath and Dressing Rooms ATTACHED to Suites and Single Rooms, with hot and cold water laid on, DOUCHE, SHOWER SPRAYS, etc., and heated to a comfortable temperature during winter.

SEPARATE ROOMS FOR PRIVATE DINNER PARTIES, &c.

The Electric Lighting now partly laid on will be completed during this year, 1892.

An Assistant will attend on Passengers by Mail Steamers.

N.B.—TELEGRAPHIC ADDRESS:—"CENTRAL, SHANGHAI."

F. E. REILLY,
PROPRIETOR.

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W. BREWER.

JUST RECEIVED
A NEW STOCK of GENTLEMEN'S BOOTS and SHOES in BROWN RUSSIAN and MOROCCO LEATHER.
Also,
LADIES' WALKING SHOES in MOROCCO LEATHER.
LADIES' TENNIS SHOES. "The Renshaw."
NEW STOCK BRIAR PIPES, TOBACCO POUCHES, &c.
SPLENDID STOCK of ENGRAVINGS, PHOTOGRAPHS and other PICTURES.
NEW PATENT OPAQUE BANK ENVELOPES.
EXCHANGE TABLES,
2/- TO 3/-
$1.00.

W. BREWER,
UNDER HONGKONG HOTEL,
QUEEN'S ROAD

Hongkong, 16th August, 1893. [693

Intimations.

CONTRACT FOR BUILDING AN IRON SHED.

H. M. NAVAL DEPOT, KOWLOON.

PERSONS desirous of tendering for the above are requested to deliver their tenders sealed and marked "TENDER FOR BUILDING," not later than 10 A.M. on the 2ND NOVEMBER, at H. M. NAVAL YARD, Hongkong, addressed to the Commodore in Charge, H. M. Naval Establishments.

Plan and Specification and all particulars can be obtained on application to the Officer in Charge of Works, Admiralty Office, R. N. Yard.

Hongkong, 20th October, 1893 [1133

THE NEW ORIENTAL BANK CORPORATION, LIMITED, (IN LIQUIDATION),

NOTICE.

THE LIQUIDATION of this BANK will in future be CONDUCTED by THE CHARTERED BANK OF INDIA, AUSTRALIA AND CHINA.

By Order of the Liquidator,
E. W RUTTER,
Attorney for the Liquidator.

Hongkong, 7th October, 1893. [1091

THE BANK OF CHINA, JAPAN, AND THE STRAITS, LIMITED.

NOTICE is hereby given that in accordance with Article No. 18 of the Articles of Association of THE BANK OF CHINA, JAPAN, AND THE STRAITS, LIMITED, the Directors have passed a Resolution making a CALL of ONE POUND per Share on the Ordinary Shares of the Bank, such Call to become PAYABLE as follows:—

Five Shillings on the 1st November, 1893.
Five Shillings on the 1st February, 1894.
Five Shillings on the 2nd April, 1894.
Five Shillings on the 1st June, 1894.

The several Instalments of the above Call Due on Shares on the Hongkong Register are Payable as above at the Office of the Bank, No. 4, Queen's Road, Victoria, Hongkong, in local currency equivalent.

Interest at the rate of 5 per cent. per annum will be allowed on all Instalments paid in advance of due dates.

If the Sums Payable in respect of any of the above Instalments be not paid on or before the respective days appointed for payment thereof respectively, interest will be charged on the same at the rate of 10 per cent. per annum from the day appointed for Payment thereof to the time of actual payment, in accordance with Article No. 21 of the Articles of Association of the Bank.

S. L. DARBY,
Acting Manager.

Hongkong, 26th September, 1893 [1049

MORE BETTER.

CHRISTMAS CARDS.

JUST now my thinkee velly hard
What thing can send to you!
My look-see plenty little card,
Can buy-em pink or blue,
With piecee flous, bird, or cat,
Who man likee that?

Plenty other thing can buy,
No use my makee send;
Who man wantchee buttefly
To pom to follen fiend?
With smallo things to fill a hat,
No man likee that.

More betta catchee Griffith's cards
With photos soft and mellow,
Pagoda, joss-house, Naval Yard,
And lines by a Longfellow
His cards have pidgin English chat
Alla man he likee that.

GRIFFITH'S CHRISTMAS CARDS ARE NOW READY.

BUY THEM AT THE STUDIO,
2, Ice House Road and Duddell Street,
Or from your Booksellers—
$6 per dozen. Out Ports cash with order.

Hongkong, 16th October, 1893. [1118

THE PHARMACY,
85, QUEEN'S ROAD.

MESSRS. FLETCHER & Co. beg to inform the Residents of Hongkong and the Shipping Community, that they have now OPENED at the above address. The Store is managed by a thoroughly competent Chemist who takes every care that all DRUGS and CHEMICALS used in the compounding of prescriptions are PURE and FRESH.

FLETCHER & Co. have on hand a good selection of Druggists' Sundries and Patent Medicines.

Telephone No. 74.

FLETCHER & Co.

Hongkong, 23rd September, 1893. [1044

CHS. J. GAUPP & CO.,

CHRONOMETER, WATCH, and CLOCK MAKERS, JEWELLERS, SILVERSMITHS, and OPTICIANS.
CHARTS and BOOKS.
NAUTICAL INSTRUMENTS.
Sole Agents for Louis Audemars' Watches awarded the highest Prizes at every Exhibition; and for Voigtländer and Sohn's CELEBRATED OPERA GLASSES, MARINE GLASSES and SPYGLASSES.
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THE BALMORAL GOLD MINING COMPANY, LIMITED, IN LIQUIDATION.

IN view of the proposed reconstruction of the above Company, Owners of Shares are requested to forward AT ONCE a memorandum of their holdings to:—

The Liquidation Committee,
BALMORAL GOLD MINING CO.,
IN LIQUIDATION,
No. 1, Duddell Street,
Hongkong.

Hongkong, 20th October, 1893. [1131

Shipping.

STEAMERS.

FOR SINGAPORE, PENANG AND CALCUTTA.

THE Steamship
"LIGHTNING,"
Captain Spence, will be despatched for the above Ports on TUESDAY, the 24th instant, at Noon.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
DAVID SASSOON, SONS & Co.,
Agents.

Hongkong, 18th October, 1893. [1127

"SHIRE" LINE OF STEAMERS.

FOR LONDON AND HAMBURG.

THE Steamship
"DENBIGHSHIRE,"
Captain D. Davies, will be despatched for the above Ports on or about the 6th November.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
DODWELL, CARLILL & Co.,
Agents.

Hongkong, 30th September, 1893. [1022

"SHELL" LINE OF STEAMERS.

Steamship "TROCAS."
Steamship "SPONDILUS."
Steamship "ELAX."
Steamship "VOLUTE."
Steamship "MUREX."
Steamship "TURBO."
Steamship "CONCH."
Steamship "CLAM."
Steamship "BULLMOUTH."

FOR HAVRE AND LONDON,
Taking Cargo on through Bill of Lading to NEW YORK.

THE Next Sailing will be the Steamship
"CLAM,"
via SINGAPORE, on or about 15th November.

For Freight, &c., apply to
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Agents.

Hongkong, 10th October, 1893. [971

N.B.—The Steamers of this Line will be despatched monthly from Hongkong, and offer exceptional advantages to Shippers of perishable cargo, owing to an improved method of ventilation. Copies of reports on out-turn of cargoes may be had on application to the Agents.

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FOR NEW YORK.

THE 3/3 L. I. I. American Ship
"JOHN R. KELLY,"
Chapman, Master, will load here for the above Port, and will have quick despatch.

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Hongkong, 14th September, 1893. [1017

Consignees.

OCCIDENTAL AND ORIENTAL STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

NOTICE.

CONSIGNEES of CARGO per Steamship "BELGIC."

The above Steamer having arrived, Consignees of Cargo are hereby requested to send in their Bills of Lading for countersignature, and to take immediate delivery of their Goods from alongside.

Cargo impeding the discharge of the Vessel will be landed and stored at Consignees' risk and expense.

J. S. VAN BUREN,
Agent.

Hongkong, 16th October, 1893. [2

Intimations.

LEVY HERMANOS.

JEWELLERY, DIAMONDS, WATCH, CHRONOMETER & CLOCKMAKERS.
Sole Agents for PATEK PHILIPPE & Co., Geneva. A great variety in Fancy Goods and Optical Instruments.

10, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL,
774] Opposite the Telegraph Office.

In the POLICE COURT at VICTORIA, in the Colony of Hongkong. (Under the "Merchandise Marks Ordinance, 1890.")

WHEREAS on the 23rd day of August, 1893, at Victoria, in this Colony, 512 BOXES of TEA bearing a Trade Description purporting to be the Trade Description of the YUEN SHUN Firm of Hoham, Canton, were seized under Warrant on the Premises of the CHU TIN LAN Firm of No. 78, Praya West, and are now in the custody of this Court.

AND WHEREAS the said Trade Description has been held by the Supreme Court of this Colony to be a false Trade Description within the meaning of Ordinance 15 of 1890, and the said 512 Boxes of Tea would, if the Owner thereof had been convicted under Section 2 of Ordinance 15 of 1890, be liable to Forfeiture under the said Ordinance,

AND WHEREAS an Information has now been laid before me for the purpose of enforcing such Forfeiture under Section XI, Sub-section 2, of the said Ordinance,

I HEREBY GIVE NOTICE that unless the Owner of, or some person on his behalf, or other person interested in, the said 512 Boxes of Tea show cause to the contrary before 11 A.M. on the 23rd day of October, 1893, I shall order the said Tea to be Forfeited and dealt with according to Law.

WM. C. H. HASTINGS,
Acting Police Magistrate,
MAGISTRACY,

Hongkong, 7th October, 1893. [1092

Masonic.

VICTORIA LODGE
HONGKONG, No. 1026.

A REGULAR MEETING of the above LODGE will be held in the FREEMASONS HALL, Zetland Street, on MONDAY, the 23rd instant, at 8.30 for 9 p.m. precisely. Visiting Brethren are cordially invited.

Hongkong, 17th October, 1893. [1122

Intimations.

VICTORIA DISPENSARY.

AERATED WATERS.

WATER.—The Water used is absolutely pure.

STEAM PLANT.—Of the latest and most new style.

SUPERVISION.—The whole process of manufacture is under the continuous supervision of a qualified English Chemist.

THE PRODUCT.—Will bear comparison with the Waters made by the most noted makers in England.

DAKIN, CRUICKSHANK & CO., LD.,

VICTORIA DISPENSARY. [38

A. S. WATSON & CO., LD.

VEGETABLE AND FLOWER SEEDS.

SEASON 1893-94.

THE FIRST SHIPMENTS OF OUR SUPPLIES OF

GARDEN SEEDS

for this season have arrived, and we are now prepared to book orders for prompt or forward execution. Complete Catalogues with concise directions for sowing can be obtained on application, or will be posted to any address. In these Catalogues the seeds are marginally numbered in English and Chinese, and when ordering it is quite sufficient to state only the numbers of the kinds required.

Orders from one person, of from $5.00 to $10.00, allowed 25 per cent. discount; over $10.00, an extra 5 per cent.

CLAY'S FERTILISER.

A high class Fertiliser for Pot Plants and for use in the Garden generally; it supplies natural nourishment to the soil and assists the process of assimilation, thereby aiding the plants to attain to their full size, vigour, and beauty.

Sold in Tins containing 10 lbs. each.....$1.50
" " 28 " $4.00

RANSOME'S "NEW PARIS"
LAWN MOWERS.

The best and cheapest machines in the market. Kept in stock and supplied at Manufacturer's prices.

FERMINGER'S
MANUAL OF GARDENING
FOR THE TROPICS.

This work is alike interesting to the student of botany and to the practical gardener, and comprises a large number of plants which for the convenience of reference are arranged in separate groups and are headed with their ordinary and botanical names.

THE CULTIVATION OF
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is practically dealt with, and Pruning, Grafting, and Manuring thoroughly explained.

Price $7.50.

A. S. WATSON & Co., LIMITED,
The Hongkong Dispensary.
ESTABLISHED A.D. 1841.

Hongkong, 4th September, 1893. [5

BIRTHS.

On the 6th inst., at "Claymore," Swatow, the wife of D. R. LAW, of a daughter.

At No. 15, Quinsan Road, Shanghai, on the 16th instant, the wife of G. MATHESON, of a son.

The Hongkong Telegraph.

HONGKONG, SATURDAY, OCTOBER 21, 1893.

THE HONGKONG HOTEL AND THE "CHIT" SYSTEM.

THE nominees and complacent tools of the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank who were forced on the Directorate of the Hongkong Hotel Co., Ld., against the wishes of the majority of shareholders and in gross violation of promises publicly given, have lost very little time in setting to work to ruin the hotel's business and reduce the Company's shares to a nominal value. At the ordinary half-yearly meeting of shareholders held on September 15th, Mr. V. A. C. HAWKINS, sub-manager, and Mr. H. E. R. HUNTER, chief accountant, represented the interests of the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank, and the latter gentleman proposed that Messrs. E. OSBORNE, Secretary to the Wharf and Godown Co., W. PARFITT, clerk to Messrs. DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & Co., and Ho TUNG, an employé of Messrs. JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., should be elected directors for the purpose, as the proposer euphemistically expressed it, of "strengthening the Board." To give the Bank absolute control over the Hotel, its management and affairs, would have more accurately described the intention; however, it was shown that Mr. Ho TUNG, not having paid the calls due on his shares, was ineligible, and further that the motion was out of order, not being in accordance with the Company's Articles of Association. The same issue was raised in another form by Mr HUNTER, but he was outvoted and claimed a poll. And then a compromise was arrived at between Mr. HAWKINS and Mr. FRASER-SMITH, the leader of the opposition to the appointment of the Bank's three candidates, by which it was agreed that, to prevent any dispute, one of the three, Mr. PARFITT, should be elected to the vacancy on the Board. This was accordingly done, and it was on the distinct understanding that no further attempt would be made to force unnecessary directors on the shareholders that the majority agreed to the motion for adjournment being withdrawn. And how did the Sub-Manager and Chief Accountant of our great local institution keep faith with their fellow shareholders? In this fashion: A day or two after the meeting, Mr E. JONES HUGHES chairman of the Board, called at the Bank to make some financial arrangements that were absolutely necessary to enable the hotel to carry on operations, when he was informed by the two officials named above, who no doubt had the authority of the Chief Manager, that they declined even to discuss business until Mr. OSBORNE and Mr. Ho TUNG were allowed to join the Directorate, and the inevitable consequence was that these two gentlemen had to be invited, and thus the complete control of the Hotel was placed in the hands of the wire-pullers of the Bank. This may have been a victory for Messrs. HUNTER, HAWKINS and the all-powerful Hongkong and Shanghai Bank over the shareholders of the Hotel Company, but there is little honor or credit or principle attached to it, and what is of even greater importance, it promises to lead to the total collapse of the Hotel at no far distant date.

About five months ago, at considerable outlay, the present Grill Room and Bar in connection with the Hotel were tastefully fitted up and opened to the public, and at once recognised as a long-felt want. Times in the colony have been exceptionally bad as everybody knows, and as an opposition grill-room under popular and experienced management was started about the same time, it can scarcely be wondered at if results up to date have failed to realise expectations. But the place has not had a fair trial, and the first act of the Bank's representatives on the Board in giving the Manager and staff a month's notice to quit is simply high-handed idiocy run riot. The Rotisserie has the best situation of any refreshment rooms in the colony, and under capable, practical, and unhampered management, it could not fail to produce large profits; the bar itself should be a little gold-mine. However, its further existence does not appear to suit the views of the Bank manipulators, and so they pulled the string and their marionettes danced to the tune as duly instructed.

But the latest decision of these reforming Directors is even a greater blunder than their intention of closing the Rotisserie. They announce that from the 1st December next no "chits" will be accepted and no credit given in the Hotel. Very much cleverer and far more influential Directors of the Hongkong Hotel Co. than the present crowd have tried hard to abolish the "chit" system, only to meet signal and ignominious failure; and where Messrs. David McCULLOCH, W. KERFOOT HUGHES, and C. S. TAYLOR failed, it is scarcely probable that success will crown the laudable but extremely clumsy efforts of Messrs. E. OSBORNE, W. PARFITT, and Ho TUNG. The "chit" system is of too long standing and is too firmly fixed as an old custom to be so easily dislodged as the holiday Hotel Directors evidently imagine. That it would be a matter for congratulation if it could conveniently be finally abolished is unquestionable, but we are inclined to think that, like a great many more things we have to put up with, it has become a necessary evil. At all events the results of the prohibition, so far as the Hotel is concerned, can be safely predicted. The business has been kept afloat for a long time past by the handsome profits made at the bar, and the losses from bad and doubtful "chits" could have been greatly lessened by well defined restrictions and more careful supervision; but the total abolition of "chits" at the bar and credit in the Hotel will mean within a very short time "putting up the shutters." As we have already suggested, that may be the object in view which dictated the absurd policy now being carried out at such break-neck speed. A sensible Directorate would have adopted a middle course, by limiting "chits" to well-known and responsible residents and to guests staying in the hotel, and we have little doubt that had the Chairman not been absent in Japan, something of that sort would probably have been given a fair trial. But whatever may accrue from these startling innovations, it must be clear enough to shareholders that the Hotel is now being run by and in the sole interests of the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank.

TELEGRAMS.

MARSHAL MACMAHON.

LONDON, October 20th.

At the request of Russia the obsequies of the late Marshal MacMahon, at the Hotel des Invalides, will be hastened to admit of Admiral Avellan being present.

The Emperor William wired a message of condolence to the widow of the deceased Marshal.

THE U. S. GOLD RESERVE.

The depletion of gold from the Washington Treasury continues, and the reserve is now below eighty-three millions. Secretary Carlisle intimates that if present conditions continue, it is probable that at the end of the year there will be a deficit of fifty millions of dollars.

THE BRITISH NAVY.

Lord Salisbury, speaking at Ormskirk, insisted on the necessity of maintaining the strength and efficiency of the Navy for the protection of the seaboard, and of British commerce.

OBITUARY.

M. Charles François Gounod, the eminent musical composer, is dead.

SPAIN AND MOROCCO.

MADRID, October 13th.

Brigadier-General Sanchez has resigned the Presidency of the Commaltee appointed to look into the defences of Melilla.

Two Cabinet Ministers, Sr. Moret and Sr. Gonzales, have resigned. Their places will be filled to-day.

LATER.

It is expected that Sr. J. L. Pingcerver and Sr. T. Capdepon will take the oaths of office, and perhaps also Sr. B. Abarzora.

Increasing reinforcements of the Moorish tribesmen are gathering about Melilla, and the situation is becoming exceedingly critical. They are proposing to erect fortifications in Sidi Aguariach, it is reported, but religious difficulties have arisen as to that place being used.

The transport *Legaspi* left Cadiz to-day with artillery for the seat of war.

There is much indignation in Spain at the parsimonious policy of the Government in the campaign.

October 14th.

The Ministerial crisis has resulted, as anticipated, in Sr. Pingcerver taking the oath and entering the Cabinet to-day.

Large bodies of students paraded the city to-day with banners bearing inscriptions calling on the Government to act with energy and promptitude in Africa. Perfect order was maintained throughout.

The Moors have entrenched themselves strongly about Melilla, and brought a lot of old-fashioned cannon to bombard the place. At the first shots, thirteen of these pieces exploded, without doing any harm to the Spanish forces.

The whole of Spain, and especially Andalusia, is simply going mad about the "savages."

October 15th.

The steamer *S Sevilla* has left Malaga with supplies, warlike stores, and men.

The Argeli Moors are in sympathy with the Riff tribes.

The cable from Melilla has been cut.

October 16th.

More troops and war material are being concentrated at Malaga and Cadiz, ready to embark for Morocco. The campaign will begin in earnest in November.

Over thirty tribes of Riff Moors are taking part in the affair.

It is stated that the chiefs of all the Riff tribes, called together by Maimon, head of the Mazuza tribe, have sworn war to the knife. Thirty-one tribes were represented at the conclave

General Margallo wires that Melilla is quiet at present.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

DAWSON'S Whisky.

THE first degree of doctor of medicine was given in England in 1209, that of doctor of music in 1463.

TO-NIGHT Max, the intrepid wild beast trainer, will make his final appearance at West Point, at 9 p.m. A monster show is promised.

To smoke a pipe at a public meeting even in Hongkong is bad manners, but even this is no circumstance to the offensiveness of a lying lawyer.

WE are informed by the Agents (Messrs. Gibb, Livingston & Co.) that the steamer *Gulf of Taranto*, from New York, left Singapore to-day, for this port.

WHISKY is the drink for this climate and Dawson's is the best Whisky.

OWING to the abnormal supplies of rice in Siam a Chinese firm has just fixed charters for the steamers *Mandarin*, *Amoy* and *Teresa*, to run between Bangkok, Singapore and Hongkong.

THE Other Way—"It must be a magnificent trip out to San Francisco," said Americanus. "It is, if you go *via* London, Paris, Brindisi, Suez Canal, Hongkong and Honolulu," returned Toryanus.

THE Mission steam-launch *Day Spring* will call alongside vessels hoisting code pennant C, between 9 and 10.30 a.m. on Sunday, to convey men ashore to the 11 o'clock service, returning about 12.30 p.m.

THE team selected to represent the Shanghai Cricket Club in the match against Kobe includes Messrs. F. J. Abbott, H. Adams, W. Bates, R. Carr, J. C. Hanson, F. C. Heffer, R. Macgregor, J. Mann, F. H. Sawyer, S. Wallace, and A. P. Wood (captain).

FORTY-TWO privates and six officers, reinforcements for the garrison at Macao, who came from Portugal to the East by the Spanish mail to Manila, arrived here in the *Zafiro* this morning and proceeded to their destination in the *Heungshan* this afternoon.

THE Norwegian barque *Alexandra*, which was condemned at Manila, sold to Captain C. Robinson for over $5,000, refitted, and finally wrecked near Capones on the voyage to Hongkong, was sold by auction on the 14th October, when all that her remains realised was the sum of $320.

GLADSTONE was born on the 29th December, 1809, and first spoke in the House of Commons on May 17th, 1833 over 60 years ago. With the exception of one single year, he has been a member of the House, and without doubt his record in the service of his countrymen and in that of mankind is the most wonderful in the world's history.

IT was a rather bright American girl who observed, when she was told that in France love is a comedy, in England a tragedy, in Italy an opera, in Germany a melodrama, and in America a business affair, that this was probably why love in America was always so successful. "Business affairs are apt to thrive better than comédies, tragedies and the others," she said, and the sneering critic had to admit that she was right.

IN the Japanese Mikado *v.* the P. & O. S. N. Co. appeal case in H. B. M.'s Supreme Court at Shanghai, Mr. Francis, Q.C., concluded his arguments on the 14th inst., after, as the *N. C. Daily News* puts it, "a long and able address which lasted just an hour"—our learned enemy had evidently failed to get his second wind. There were some pretty exchanges of compliments between the Bench and Bar, and then Chief Justice Hannen intimated that judgment would be reserved.

In re the local morphia case; At the Macclesfield Police Court recently a man named Peter Brown, described as a medical assistant, was indicted for having by false pretences obtained certain quantities of morphia from two different chemists. The prisoner had gone to the shops of the prosecutors and represented he was to obtain on behalf of a certain medical man in Macclesfield, certain drachms of morphia. It was subsequently found that the prisoner had no such authority, and he was taken into custody.—In reply to the court, prisoner said that he wished to obtain the morphia for his own use.—He was bound over to appear for judgment when called upon.

THE *real* thing—Dawson's Whisky.

THE dismasted German barque *Martha Bockhahn* will be docked at Kowloon on Monday, for survey.

THE C. N. Co.'s steamer *Whampoa*, having had the damage sustained to her rudder in a recent typhoon made good, left for Shanghai this morning.

MR. Francis W. White, late Commissioner of Customs at Pakhoi and at present in this colony, succeeds Mr. Henry Edgar at Tainan (Takao), South Formosa.

THE insurance agents interested in the fire inquiry which we mentioned yesterday are not Messrs. Kruse & Co., but Messrs. Carlowitz & Co., on behalf of the "Hamburg-Bremen."

THE great difficulty about common sense is that it is so tremendously scarce that it isn't common—especially amongst the anointed and electro-plated immaculates of the Hongkong nobility.

DON'T mix your drinks! Drink only Dawson's Whisky.

SIAO MU, the famous Peking Court actor, who some time ago played before Shanghai audiences without permission from the Eunuch in charge of the Palace troupe, was sentenced to three months' cangue and to forfeit one year's pay, on his arrival at the capital under arrest.

THE coming sugar crop of the Philippines, all grades, is estimated by Messrs. Warner, Blodgett & Co. in their circular, dated Manila, October 16th, at 260,000 tons, of which 127,500 tons are put down as the Luzon product and 136,500 the Visayas. (Iloilo and Cebu).

TE KORAMS received in Shanghai from the capitals of the provinces of Kuangsi and Kuelchou announce that the recent provincial examinations for the degree of *chujên* held there, only fifty-one students were successful in obtaining their degrees in the first named province and fifty in the latter.

"IT is said that the average of the length of human lives is greater in Norway than in any other country of Europe" Mr. Podsnap was remarking at the breakfast-table, "Why, of course," said dear Mrs. Podsnap, "how could it be otherwise? See how much longer the days are in those northern countries."

IN an authoritative article the *Asiatic Quarterly* alleges that the real reason of the difficulty in obtaining a successor to Lord Lansdowne, as Governor-General of India, is that no one who is eligible will pledge himself to suppress the opium traffic, reduce the military expenditure, or support the scheme for an Indian Congress.

ANOTHER libel action has been commenced in Bangkok. This time the Editor of the *Siam Free Press* is the defendant and a Monsieur Rolin-Jacquemyns the plaintiff Referring to the matter the *Siam Observer* in its issue of the 10th instant states:—At H. B. M. Consulate, yesterday morning, Mr Tilleke, solicitor, entered an action against John Joseph Lille, on behalf of M. Rolin-Jacquemyns, for $5,000 damages for libel contained in an article which appeared in the *Siam Free Press* of the 19th ultimo.

IN reference to a paragraph which we published yesterday commenting on the Shylock business, as conducted at the shent-per-shent rate, our esteemed friend Van Ees informs us that he finds no fault with our facts and the deductions we drew therefrom, except as to Minhinnett, who, he says, was not in this particular transaction—though he has been in many. For the rest, says the Corps-Artiste, if people are fools enough to borrow at high rates, so much the worse for them—and better for him.

A MARINE COURT OF INQUIRY into the circumstances connected with the total loss of the barque *Alexandra*, recently reported in these columns, was held at Manila on the 17th instant. It transpired in evidence that the Captain, who was taking his ship from Manila to Hongkong, put back to Manila owing to stress of weather and mistook Kaprones Light for Corregidor Light, which latter is at the entrance to Manila Bay. The Court suspended the Captain's certificate for twelve months, while the officers of the ship were absolved from blame.

THE world over Mr. Gladstone is now known as the "Grand Old Man" but it was reserved for Mr. "Gus" Sala to unearth the origin of the familiar and semi-affectionate term. Mr. Sala recently committed himself to the following paragraph:—I found a pile of letters awaiting me respecting the origin of the expression "Grand Old Man," and it has been with intense amusement that I perused these voluminous epistles. "The first to use the expression," writes one correspondent, "was some unknown member of the audience at one of Mr. Gladstone's Edinburgh meetings, during the second Midlothian campaign in the spring of 1880 The precise ejaculation was, 'Eh, but isn't he a *graund auld man*.'"

THERE is at first, says the *Chicago Review*, something very appalling in the record of the drink consumed in large cities. For instance, the statement was lately put forward at the London Mansion House that the city of London drank every year 45,000,000 gallons of malt liquor, 8,000,000 gallons of wine and 4,500,000 gallons of spirits. The announcement startled the public until an optimistic mathematician brought a little arithmetic to bear on the figures and forthwith altered their significance. He found that London has a population of close upon 6,000,000. About 2,000,000 of these are children, who, for the purpose of argument, may be classed as taking no alcohol at all. Also, for the purpose of argument, it may be assumed that of the remaining 4,000,000, 2,000,000 are total abstainers, leaving the drinkers of the city numbered at 2,000,000. This would give an annual consumption per head of 22½ gallons of malt liquor, 4 gallons of wine and 2¼ gallons of spirits. Twenty-two and one-half gallons a year is almost exactly half a pint a day; 4 gallons a year would be a very small wine-glass daily; 2¼ gallons a year would barely suffice to fill the smallest liquor glass 365 times. So that the inquiring statistician reached the conclusion that the terrible drink bill of London resolved itself into the fact that the average Londoner takes one glass of beer with his dinner and a very small glass of wine after it, and that before he goes to bed he takes the merest toothful of whisky or some other spirits as a night-cap.

THE HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB.

The annual general meeting of members of the Hongkong Jockey Club was held this afternoon. The Hon. C. P. Chater presided, and there were also present the Hon. T. H. Whitehead, Messrs. M. G. Stokes, H. Hopplus, J. Grant, R. M. Gray (Stewards), T. F. Hough (Clerk of the Course), A. G Stokes, C. J. Holliday, A. Tillett, J. M. Forbes, H. E. R. Hunter (Treasurer), E. F. Alford, J. J. Keswick, R. B. Joyce, G. C. C. Master, H. N. Mody, R. Fraser-Smith, W. P. Maclean, D. Landale, L. Mendel, A. Shelton Hooper, Hart Buck, J. Meier, G. T. Veitch, F. Henderson, P. Jordan, E. C. Ray, W. H. Gaskell, H. C. Maclean, R. Shewan, B. Layton, W. H. Percival, J. Lewis, and others.

The Clerk of the Course read the notice of meeting and the annual report.

The Chairman said:—Gentlemen, you have heard the report of the Clerk of the Course, and as the accounts have been in your hands for some days, I will take them as read. We began this year with a credit balance of $3,283.58 and we close it with a deficit of $14,732.19 after withdrawal of our fixed deposit of $8,000 with the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank. You will, however, perceive that on the debit side there are two very considerable items which we are not likely to have to provide for again, namely, one of $23,019.30 for payments on account of the Grand Stand, and the other for $3,266.06 on account of "Sundries," as against $986.82 last year. The increase in this latter account is caused by our heavy legal expenses of $2,743 which it is not at all probable we shall incur a second time. As regards the expense of the new Grand Stand, this has reached an amount somewhat in excess of the estimates; but, as may easily be understood, it was difficult to calculate the exact cost of such items as raising the ground and draining the nullah, and other improvements, such as the provision of a new judge's box more in keeping with the new structure, and the removal of the building at the south-west of the stand, which was always an eye-sore, and the erection of another in a place where it does not obtrude. The total expenditure may seem rather large, but at all events we now have a handsome and commodious building, worthy of our club. I may remark that $652.40 have been received in dividends from the New O.B.C., thereby reducing our account with them from $2,177.99 to $1,475.59. You will see that the working account shows a debit balance of about $1000, but had it not been for the legal expenses I have mentioned, the balance would have been on the right side. I need not, I think, say more, but if any member has any questions to ask I shall be very happy to furnish him with all the information I can. I can only express the wish that we shall have a successful year in every way, and I see no reason why such should not be the case (applause).

Mr. Fraser-Smith:—Mr. Chairman and gentlemen, I most heartily re-echo the concluding remarks of the Chairman's speech, expressing the hope that the Club may have a successful season. I have just risen to ask one or two questions on the finances of the Club. On looking over the statement of account, and comparing it with those of recent years, I find that our expenses are increasing every year, and I think it is advisable that we should know what is the reason for this increase. For instance, in 1889-90 we find the cost of manure and pony hire was $307; in 1890-91 it was $394, and now for 1891-92 it is $506—an increase of about 40 per cent. in two years. I think that is a matter which requires some explanation. Wages, coolie-hire, etc., have been fluctuating for the past three years—I don't know why that should be so. Re-turfing the course, new rails, etc., shows striking differences, which I think also call for some explanation. With regard also to the expenses of meetings, we find some very material differences; in 1890-91, attendance at meetings, sheriffs, clerks, etc., were put down at $145; for the past year $198. Now, it is pretty certain that the meeting has not increased to such an extent as to warrant the employment of any additional staff costing at least 25 per cent. more than it did two years ago. Gratuity to band—which of course we are only too pleased to pay—is $80 this year; in 1891-92 it was $100, though why there should be a difference I do not know. Then, there is an item in the present accounts for tiffins and refreshments for the band and police, $448; I think some explanation ought to be given for that before it can be justified, seeing that the policemen have declared they can get nothing at all, and often I have had to provide for some of them myself. Besides $71.50 for Stewards' badges and bouquet-holders, there is $138 for an "annual Stewards' dinner," which I strongly object to. We stopped the time-honoured Race Ball simply because we could not afford it, and yet the Stewards pay out $138 of the Club's money for a dinner to themselves, in addition to $71.50 for badges and bouquet-holders; there is also, I believe, a Stewards' tiffin somewhere in the Club accounts. This sort of thing ought undoubtedly to be stopped. These gentlemen are honorary officers of the Club; if they are anxious to get tiffin given them at the expense of their fellow-members, let us get up a subscription for them, but do not take it out of the Race Fund. This Fund is provided for racing solely, and I am quite sure there is not a single gentleman among the Stewards who, if he had given a moment's thought to the matter, would have sanctioned such items being put down in this account. Rates I see are $333 against $40 two years ago—this, I suppose, is on account of the fresh lease. One point which I want to know something about is the item for legal expenses, $2,743. I would like to know how that is made up!

The Chairman:—Gentlemen, in answer to the remarks of Mr. Fraser-Smith, I will call upon the Clerk of the Course to furnish the detailed items of coolie-hire, Mr. Kennedy's bill for manure, attendance at meetings, sheriffs, etc. Mr. Fraser-Smith has, however, gone further than that, and has objected to the tiffins, dinners, and other expenses in connection with the annual meetings. After the explanations have been given by Mr. Hough, I will then call on Mr. Fraser-Smith, if he thinks fit, to make a proposition to the effect that he objects to these items and proposes that they be not incurred hereafter. (Hear.) His next question was in regard to the item of $2,743 for legal expenses. Of course, gentlemen, any member has a right to ask any question he likes as to the figures laid before us to-day; but I should have thought Mr. Fraser-Smith would have avoided touching on this matter. I myself in my speech took care to pass over this item as lightly as possible; I did so intentionally, in order that we may not have any further trouble or misunderstanding; but as Mr. Fraser-Smith has asked the question, I am in duty bound to answer it. The Stewards, acting as your representatives, gentlemen, carried out the resolution which was brought forward by some of you, and which was carried on the 11th September, 1891, and was confirmed on the 26th of the same month, having for its intention the expulsion of a certain member from the Jockey Club. It seems, however, that the member in question, being dissatisfied with the result, appealed to the Court, and the Court decided that the action was bad at law. Consequently we had to pay not only the cost of defending the action but also the plaintiff's costs, particulars of which I have here and will now read to you:—

Court fees	$ 50.00
Counsel (Mr. J. J. Francis, Q.C.)	$ 850.00
do (Mr. H. E. Pollock)	$ 400.00
Plaintiff's taxed costs	$1,371.25
(Amount allowed off $121.)	
Solicitors' fees	$ 450.00
(Original bill $990.)	

I think, gentlemen, I have now answered every question put to me by Mr. Fraser-Smith, and if any other gentleman wishes to ask any questions I shall be very pleased to answer.

Mr. Fraser-Smith:—Mr. Chairman, I am deeply indebted to you for the explanation you have given us to my last question; and I think that not only the members of the Hongkong Jockey Club, but also the racing public throughout the Far East will be very glad to receive the explanation—in fact, I think it might just as well have been included in the statement of accounts published with the annual report, considering its great importance, not only to this Club but to the racing world, and moreover as a matter of justice to my own personal character. It appears that Mr. J. J. Francis, Q.C., your legal adviser, who told you to do this, received $850 of the Jockey Club's money on account of the case. It also appears that Mr. Master, the man who primarily instigated this attempt to oust me from my legal rights—which I warned you at the meeting could not be broken through—has received $400—

Mr. Master:—I did not! It was the firm of Johnson, Stokes and Master.

Mr. Fraser-Smith:—Well, I will not go into the matter any further; it is not worth while, and perhaps it would not be in good taste; but I must say that I think neither Mr. J. J. Francis, Q.C., nor Mr. G. C. C. Master ought to have touched one cent of the Jockey Club's money, considering the part they played.

Mr. Master:—Your reasons?

Mr. Fraser-Smith:—Well, we don't expect any legal knowledge from Mr. Master—(laughter)—but we do from Mr. Francis Q.C.; and yet, though he was warned—if he did not know the danger already—he still played a game of bluff with the Jockey Club. That the Stewards should have been so supine as to have paid over to these men the amounts said to have been paid is a thing which requires a very great amount of explanation to justify it. That is all I have to say. The Chairman has admitted that an attempt was made to turn me out of the Club, out of my legal rights; he has not in my opinion done me half justice, for he might have said a great deal more, without injuring the Stewards or the Club either. But although the Chairman would not speak out fairly, my vindication stands on record in the Court, and I can claim to stand here as well as any member—better, in fact, than many, though I say it myself. With regard to the other matters just mentioned, no doubt Mr. Hough can give a full explanation—I do not ask him to do it; but I appreciate economy, and we have a heavy debit balance, and everything we can do to cut down expenses it would be most judicious to do, and I suggest that the Stewards should take into consideration every possible means to work off the debit balance.

Mr. Master:—Mr. Fraser-Smith has seen fit to pass remarks on me personally and on my connection with the attempt to turn him out of the Club and keep him out, and he has endeavoured to show that my firm should have made no charge for the suit which followed, because I was the instigator and the man who began the movement. I was the instigator, and I say now that if any member ever again did what Mr. Fraser-Smith did, I would do the same again, and would propose that he be turned out, because I do not consider that such a man is fit to belong to any social club—

Mr. Fraser-Smith:—This is a racing not a social club.

Mr Master:—It has been decided that it is partly social as well. As to my connection with the case as adviser to the Stewards, I never gave them any advice, because I was never asked; I started the affair, and it began in December, 1890, with a letter addressed to the Stewards by ten members asking that a meeting of the Club be called, to take the sense of all members as to whether they wished Mr. Fraser-Smith to be turned out or not, and if so to take steps accordingly. Subsequently the opinion of counsel was taken and I was requested to withdraw the letter and substitute another, and I did so; but I never advised the Stewards as to their rights—they acted independently throughout. I never came into the matter legally until Mr Hough handed me a writ of summons issued by Mr. Fraser-Smith and instructed me to reply to it. Mr. Francis had been advising the Stewards From that point I did my duty—just what any other solicitor would have done. The first bill of my firm was $990, but we offered to accept $450, though not because we were not entitled to it, for we had earned it. If any gentleman beside Mr. Fraser-Smith thinks my firm ought never to have received a cent, I shall be glad if he will get up and state his reasons, and if I find they are valid I will repay the money.

Mr. Maclean:—It was not my intention to take any part in this discussion but since Mr. Master has thought fit to get up and assert that Mr. Fraser-Smith is not a fit person to belong to this Club and should be turned out; that such was his opinion from the beginning, and that he would pursue the same course again if necessary—indeed! Well, I was present at the first meeting, when Rule 40 was first submitted, and on that occasion Mr. Master most distinctly and publicly denied aiming at any individual member, and especially disclaimed aiming at Mr. Fraser-Smith. I stood up upon that occasion to defend Mr. Fraser-Smith, and Mr. Master emphatically stated that the rule was not aimed at him. I brand Mr. Master as a liar—

The Chairman:—I must call you to order. This is a public meeting, and anything of that kind cannot be allowed. I will allow as much latitude as possible, but personal matters should not be brought up at a public meeting. If this is allowed to go on, we shall not be able to get through with the business. Personal disputes ought to be arranged on side.

Mr. Maclean:—I had not wish to bring personal disputes into the discussion, nor have I any personal ill-feeling toward any member in the Club, but I have a principle to uphold. However, as regards the money which we paid Mr. Master, as shown in the accounts, I think I have a right to say something about that.

The Chairman:—As to payments, yes, you have a perfect right to speak.

Mr. Maclean:—Mr. Master said he had earned the $990 and was fully entitled to it. How? He was the instigator of all this expensive business—that was how he "earned" the money. He (Mr. Master) had no animosity against Mr. Fraser-Smith—certainly not! His whole idea apparently was a scheme to earn fees for his firm by a lawsuit which it for one's—

The Chairman:—I am afraid you are going a little beyond the point. If you object to the item being paid, after we, your Stewards, thought it right, and sanctioned it—I think I can speak for my brother Stewards—we thought it very considerate of Messrs. Johnson, Stokes and Master to reduce the amount from $990 to $450—if you think it should not be paid, and if you will make an amendment to the motion to adopt the report and accounts, I shall be very pleased to put it to the meeting.

Mr. Maclean:—I am perfectly justified in criticising the accounts.

The Chairman:—Yes, you are quite right in that, and therefore I ask you to propose a resolution expressing your views.

Mr. Maclean:—That may be my ultimate object, but I can surely adduce any arguments I may deem necessary first, and I consider I am perfectly justified in everything I have said. (Applause). Do you wish to stop me?

The Chairman:—I only say that you must avoid personalities if not, you must understand as well as anybody that we shall never get to the end of this meeting.

Mr. Maclean:—Well, I wish to move "That the Stewards are not justified in paying Messrs. Johnson, Stokes and Master the sum of $450,

part of the item of $2,743 appearing in the accounts now presented, as it is almost conclusively proved Mr. Master originated the move for the expulsion of Mr. Fraser-Smith from monetary motives only."

Mr. Fraser-Smith:—Mr. Chairman and gentlemen, I rise to second the motion; and in so doing I wish to call your attention to the last remark made by Mr. Master—that if anybody except myself would get up and state that he considered the amount ought not to be paid—what was he going to do? Pay it back? I am not sure, but it was something like that. Well, someone has got up and said so. Mr. Chairman, when you speak of "personalities." I am extremely surprised; for when Mr. Master got up and said he did not consider me, a member of this Club and sitting here among the other members, fit even now to be a member of any social club—was that not personal? Was that not far worse than anything Mr. Maclean said, when you called him to order for being "personal?" If you do not think so, I do! Of course, I understand that Mr. Maclean has put this proposition simply for the purpose of having it placed on record that the man who instigated this infamous conspiracy—I repeat it, infamous conspiracy!—he had to canvass the town to get ten signatures of men, most of whom have never been seen on a race-course in their lives—that man, Mr. Master, made money out of his scheme; though it was such a feeble case that he had to be docked of half his bill. (Laughter.) Lawyers don't do that when they have any show at all for the full amount—I know too much about them to let that go unchallenged. (More laughter.) Mr. Master has been good enough to indulge in a little personal abuse of myself, and to say that he thinks I am not fit to be a member of any social club. Well, I will not go in for personalities, but I should be very sorry to be found dead with him in a fifty-acre field. (Loud laughter)

The Chairman asked some member to second the motion for the adoption of the report and accounts, as a matter of form, before the amendments could be put; then after the vote on the amendment the original motion could be put.

Mr. Veitch seconded the adoption of the report and accounts.

The Chairman:—We can now properly proceed with the amendment.

Mr. Lewis asked a question as to difficulties between the Jockey Club and the Golf Club.

The Chairman said he would answer that afterwards.

Mr. Fraser-Smith:—I have a second amendment—"That in the opinion of this meeting the $500 paid to Mr. J. J. Francis should not be allowed, since, if he knows anything of law at all, he ought to have known that he was fighting a losing case."

Mr. Maclean:—I beg to second the motion. My chief desire both in proposing the first amendment and in seconding this one, is to place on record a protest against the funds of any club, especially the Hongkong Jockey Club, being squandered away to gratify the personal spite and spleen of individual members. (Applause.) Mr. J. J. Francis had special *animus* in assisting Mr. Master to carry out this crusade against one of the most thorough-going sportsmen ever known in the Far East, to try and expel him from the Jockey Club. Mr. Francis has been known to state, that he would never again advise anybody in a case where his own personal feeling and prejudices were concerned; but Mr. Francis had personal feelings in this case and he was bitterly opposed to Mr. Fraser-Smith—for years and years he had been seeking revenge. This was his opportunity—the man was down, and he took advantage of it—as he thought—and he had fools to play his game with, and money to squander which was not his own. I think Mr. Francis has had ample satisfaction already, in knowing that, at any rate, for a short time he obtained his desire; and now that his conspiracy is upset and defeated he will gladly forego the money he has been paid. I most strongly object to Mr. Francis receiving one *sou* of that money, and I have much pleasure in seconding the resolution that the amount put down to Mr. J. J. Francis, Q.C., be struck off the accounts and that the Stewards be not allowed to pay it out of the Club funds.

The Chairman:—Gentlemen, I think perhaps a few remarks from me may not be out of place. The gentlemen who have spoken already have gone into very minute details, but they have also blamed individual members for making use of certain matter with an ulterior object in view. But it must not be forgotten that what was done was almost unanimously voted by the members of the Jockey Club, and therefore if individual members had any ulterior object in view, surely the whole body of members—I was not here at the time, but I am informed it was so—would not have been carried away by individuals having mercenary motives. I only throw out this point, though I do not say for a moment that it was right or that it was wrong—the Court has decided that it was wrong—but nevertheless whatever the Stewards have done and whatever the Lawyers have done was at your own request, by resolutions carried all but unanimously—with only one dissentient.

Mr. Fraser-Smith:—Mr. Chairman, the one question is—was the action of the Stewards taken before they were favoured with an opinion from Mr. Francis, or not? The resolutions were not carried by the members until Mr. Francis had given his opinion that I could be excelled. That is the point, and not what you have just been good enough to tell us.

Mr. Master:—Mr. Chairman and gentlemen, I am quite justified in asking you to listen to a few words in reply to what has been said. Mr. Fraser-Smith and Mr. Maclean have asserted that I and Mr. Francis entered into an infamous conspiracy and acted with ulterior motives. For myself I deny that I ever acted with any such motives. That I instigated the movement I admit; I did it as a member of the club, not as a legal adviser, and I was never asked to advise the club. From the first of all, from the time of the letter of December, 1890, I have never been asked for an opinion by the Stewards or members of the Club. Afterwards I acted simply as solicitor in the matter, receiving the instructions of counsel and carrying them out. If I had given any legal opinion before the action commenced, I think I should have requested my partners to give their services for nothing; but as I have never advised the Stewards at all, I think we were justified in making these charges. Mr. Chairman, I ask you if I ever offered an opinion or was ever asked for one?

The Chairman:—No.

Mr. Fraser-Smith:—I think the Stewards would be very hard-up for an opinion if they took one from Mr. Master. (Loud laughter.)

On division, both amendments were lost, the mover and seconder in each case being unsupported, though about half of those present abstained from voting.

The report and accounts were then adopted, in a similar manner.

The Chairman stated, in reply to Mr. Lewis, that the Stewards would arrange the difficulty with the Golf Club, which they had not known about and regretted should have occurred at all. (Applause.)

The Chairman:—The next business is the election of Stewards. At present there are Messrs. Chater, Whitehead, Grant, Gray, Gillies, Hoppius, Humphreys, Bell-Irving, DeSouza, and McLeavy Brown; the last three have left the Colony.

Mr. Holliday:—Mr. Chairman, it would save trouble if you will inform us whether anybody has been asked to stand.

The Chairman:—No, nobody.

Mr. Holliday:—Do you know anybody who will?

The Chairman mentioned that three former Stewards, Messrs. Keswick, T. Jackson, and A. Coxon, had returned to the Colony.

Mr. Fraser-Smith:—Can you tell us if Mr. Fielding Clarke, the Chief Justice, is still willing to become a Steward?

The Chairman:—He was elected last year, but resigned on the case coming up.

Mr. Fraser-Smith:—Will Mr. C. J. Holliday, who is a good "old sport," stand? (Laughter)

Mr. Holliday:—Mr. C. J. Holliday declines with many thanks. (Renewed laughter.)

The election resulted in the appointment of Messrs. Chater, Whitehead, Grant, Gray, Humphreys, T. Jackson, Keswick, A. Coxon, Grote and Hoppius.

CANTON INSURANCE OFFICE, LIMITED.

The ordinary annual meeting of shareholders in this Company was held to-day. Mr. J. J. Keswick presided, and there were also present Messrs. H. L. Dalrymple, D. R. Sassoon, D. Gillies, C. P. Chater (Consulting Committee), G. T. Veitch (secretary), E. F. Alford, W. A. Cruickshank, D. K. Sliman, G. C. Anderson, W. L. Muir, B. Byramjee, W. C. Murray, J. H. Cox, N. J. Ede, R. M. Mehta, A. G. Wood, F. Henderson, R. C. Wilcox, C. H. Thomson, J. B. Coughtrie, A. G. Morris, A. Ross, Ng Wai, Ho Tung, Ng Lau Tong, Fook Hing, Ho Pak Huen, Lo Chuk Yu, Ho Kam Tong, Ho Fook, Ng Tak Yuen, Wong Hoi Chow, Fung Kee, and Lo Wan Shik.

The Secretary read the notice of meeting.

The Chairman said:—Gentlemen, my predecessor at the last annual meeting had occasion to express the deep regret of the Consulting Committee and General Agents at the death of an old and valued colleague. It is now my painful duty to express—I may venture to say, on behalf of all here, our extreme regret at the loss sustained by the office through the deaths of Messrs. T. H. Davies and J. S. Lapraik, both of whom had been esteemed members of our Consulting Committee. The report and accounts have been in your hands for some time and with your permission we will take them as read. The report I trust has given you satisfaction, as in addition to making a return of 20 per cent. to contributors of premia we are enabled to pay an increased final dividend and materially strengthen our reserve fund by adding the sum of $120,000, bringing the fund up to $850,000. We consider it a paramount duty to build up this fund as quickly and as much as possible. We have had, and I trust may continue to have, years of great prosperity, and I feel satisfied the majority of our shareholders are quite in accord with the policy we have been steadily pursuing. You are all aware of the crisis which occurred in the Australian Colonies last spring. We had a considerable sum of money on current account with one of the banks, which was compelled to suspend payment. This money, you will be pleased to learn, has been released, and I anticipate the settling in ere long of a renewed era of prosperity for those great colonies, from which this office has received liberal support for many years. The current year's business is progressing satisfactorily; our losses up to date are rather heavier than at a similar period last year; on the other hand our premium income shows a good increase, and I trust when next we meet I shall be able at all events to submit an equally satisfactory report. (Applause.) Before concluding I should not omit to express the highest appreciation of the valuable services the Office has received from all its agents and underwriters. If there are any questions gentlemen, I shall be very pleased to reply to them to the best of my ability.

There being no questions, the Chairman proposed that the report and accounts as presented be adopted and passed.

Mr. Wood seconded the motion, and congratulated the General Agents on the very satisfactory report they had been able to lay before the shareholders.

The motion was carried *nem. con.*

On the motion of Mr. Cox, seconded by Capt. Anderson, the retiring members of the Consulting Committee (Messrs. Dalrymple, Sassoon, Gillies, Chater, and Bird) were re-elected.

On the motion of Mr. Byramjee, seconded by Mr. Ho Tung, the auditors, Messrs. Cox and Henderson, were re-elected.

The Chairman:—That concludes the business, gentlemen. I am much obliged to you for your attendance. Dividend warrants will be issued on Monday.

WORDS OF WISDOM.

Respectfully dedicated to the nondescript who vapours in the *China Mail* every Saturday as the true and only original

"BROWNIE."

That I often feel lost and lonely.

* * *

That the cringing clown rakes in more moss than the upright man.

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That a great name, such as "Brownie," for instance, is as an epitaph on a coffin—it covers corruption.

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That the surest road to failure is to succeed in misrepresenting and distorting facts—no matter whether it be upon the virtues of a dead ass or a steam-launch picnic.

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That "Soapy Jim" used daily to preach the wisdom of hearkening to the warnings of conscience to avoid feeling its wounds, but now the echo to his daily litany is: Too late! too late! Alas! poor "Jim"!

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That I confess small faults in order to blind the prying, who could only too truly convict me of great ones—the be-whiskered "Viking" for instance.

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That leisure is a very pleasant garment to look at, but is a bad one to wear even on the Club steps, or in cheap bars, for the whisky is not always good.

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That in misrepresenting people's motives I often reveal the bent of my own mind, as I did in the Dinsie "shives" and in Deborah's *locher*. The wish was father to the thought in both cases, but, anyhow, I have the privilege of posing as an ass without my motives being questioned.

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That my correspondent "Pedestrian" has no legitimate grounds for grumbling. The two gentlemen in the trap had more fire around their respective craniums than is prescribed by ordinance. If further redress be required "Pedestrian" must apply to "Ginger."

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That if "Ginger" swore at the policeman—the greater the shame on "Ginger."

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That those whose who seek happiness in religious ostentation and Union Church-like deceit are as those who prefer the light of a candle to the splendor of the son of the man who lives on Mount Ararat.

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That the Arabian Night's-like receptions once in vogue in that select quarter are now stale and unprofitable.

[N.B.—I've not been asked this season. Times are too bad!]

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That more than talent, more than the possession of a pretty wife, more even than wisdom, is a good over-draft at the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation. Talents become dimmed with time, a wife may fade, wisdom is often too wise—but an over-draft lasts for ever—if it is big enough.

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That good manners were once considered more serviceable than letters of introduction, but "Soapy Jim" now tells me that every applicant for a berth in *his* haberdashery shop must come wrapped in "rags."

[Another N. B. may risk the wholeness of the intellects of my readers, but *sotto voce*, this "goak" is intended for the trade only.]

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That goodly actions cement friendship in all places but on Green Island in Macao.

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That touching upon the long absence of the "oof" bird from our Island, why should private worth be wealth when the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank goes back on honor?

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That there will be coals in Hongay when the fire-bars of Hades are rusted and T. J. is left shivering alone.

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That the Apostle Paul—or was it "Junius" or Judas Iscariot?—once said: the feather that adorns the royal bird supports its flight; strip off his plumage and he falls to earth.

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That this objectionable and most damnable heresy has no reference whatever to the surrender by the Duke of Edinburgh of his £25,000 per annum pension.

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That the Duke is too stupid to rise and far too fat to fall.

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That the statement of St. John Hancock having secreted a Marlinburk's chair for presentation to the Duke upon the occasion of his swallowing the German sausa—I mean, the oath, is premature; the case is still *sub judice*, so I cannot yet say whether I agree with it or not.

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That, to revert to a previous "bray": the Apostle Paul was hanged by Judas Iscariot, and as to the latter having been eventually crucified by "Junius" there is no doubt whatever. I heard the Bishop say this when I was in his kitchen the other night.

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That the Bishop keeps a good larder: the only thing needed to remind me of olden times is the absent—cook!

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That when it is impossible for one to become tormented or fatigued by his sensitiveness, he may join the Hongkong Club—not before.

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That I joined it because Francis, Q.C., told me to do so; to pick up crumbs.

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That if I give three bottles of gin to a shopkeeper as an inducement to advertise he should not give the pin away.

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That if I do not give free copies of the "rag," who will buy it?

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That my friends outwardly sympathise with me but inwardly chuckle at my daily discomfiture.

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That the end is drawing nigh.

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That it is time for me to die.

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That should truth eventually prove true and falsehood false—*Resurgam!*

QUEER CHINESE WEAPONS.

(Written specially for the "Hongkong Telegraph.")

In the province of Kuangtung there has been used from time immemorial a weapon known as 'the claws of the tiger.' It consists of a framework made of stout cloth or leather, fitting the hand and forearm. At the lower end are three or more curved steel claws shaped like those of the tiger. The weight of the affair and the sharpness of the claws enable a strong man to strike a blow with them almost as deadly in character as that of the carnivore from whom they are imitated. The weapons are sold and used in pairs, like boxing-gloves. Soldiers in the small garrisons have a special drill with these ugly implements. The movements are very quick, consisting of rapid advances and retreats, springing sideways, swift blows and withdrawals of the arms, and are interesting if not graceful. Village bullies also practice the same exercises and become very proficient theoretically. The weapon is said to have been invented by a band of thieves about 1,000 B.C. These thieves killed as well as robbed their victims and in order to conceal their guilt, created this terrible instrument to give the idea that their prey had been attacked and killed by a tiger. Although soldiers and bravos are skilled in its use, yet when it comes to actual earnest, the tiger's claw is seldom, if ever, employed. A few bands of marauders and camp followers wore it in the Taeping rebellion, but with the intent rather of frightening people than of engaging in personal combat.

Somewhat similar is the tiger-claw spear of Sze-chuen. This is a long-handled fish-spear with tines bent at right angles and which terminate in claw-like barbs. To the handle is fastened a thong or rope, ending in a loop which passes around the wrist of the owner. In the hands of an equestrian it is a tremendous weapon, inflicting wounds that are nearly always fatal and dragging the wounded man at the horse's heels. It is almost as dangerous when employed by a person on foot. With it, a small man can drag a Samson from the saddle or disembowel a horse. It was formerly a favorite weapon with farmers as a means of offence and defence against wolves, bears, tiger-cats, and other foes of their folds. It is still carried by the retainers of high mandarins in that province.

The hand-arrow of Fokien would meet the approval of the Texan yeomen who throw the bowie-knife. It is a bolt of wrought iron, three to five inches in length and a half-inch to three-fourths of an inch in diameter. One end is hammered to a needle point, then cast, hardened and re-ground. The other end is hollowed out an inch deep, so as to allow the insertion of three or four stiff cock's feathers. The weapon is held flat-handed in the palm and for long distances is thrown overhand as in cricket bowling, or direct as in baseball. At short distances, it is propelled by an underhand jerk. Even without feathers it would fly point first, so carefully is the arrow balanced. Properly feathered it turns on its longer axis once in twenty feet and goes as cleanly as a rifle bullet. It is used by highwaymen, village bullies and bravos. Thrown with full force, it will go through a man at thirty yards and will inflict a mortal wound at seventy. Those who practice with it regularly develop great proficiency in its use and can pin a visiting card to a door at twenty yards or put a dozen arrows into a target a foot in diameter at thirty. In warfare, it is often made deadly by empoisoning the point.

The chain-club appears to be found only in Kwangtung. It bears a crude resemblance to the *Morgenstern* or *Morningstar* of the mediæval German soldiery. It consists of a short, stout handle to whose end is firmly attached a heavy iron chain of from four to seven links. The links are made of wrought iron and are about four inches long and two broad. To the last link is fastened one or more heavy iron spikes. It is barely possible to so use this weapon as to cause the point of the spike to strike the object aimed at. Nine times out of ten, however, the spike strikes with the side or head and bruises but does not cut. It is a ghastly arm in appearance, but like many other Chinese tools of war it is quite harmless in reality. Chinese scholars say that it is a badge rather than a weapon, a policeman's baton rather than a soldier's mace. Two yamên-runners armed with chain-clubs can disperse an ordinary Celestial mob in a couple of minutes, where a musket and bayonet would be of no avail. The weapon is at least three thousand years old.

The famous stink-pot is put to more uses and is manufactured in greater variety than is known to the civilized world. The one employed in war serves a double purpose. As a fire-grenade, it is intended to ignite an enemy's ship, fort, or camp. On the other hand it produces an immense volume of fume and smoke which will suffocate man and beast in a very short time. Those employed for peaceful purposes are intended for the hunter and farmer. The formula of their composition is sulphur, saltpetre and any hydro-carbon of the general nature of naptha or bitumen. Some are said to contain arsenic or antimony and to be more deadly than those without these ingredients. A small one thrown into a hole or cavern will drive out any inmate, from a serpent to a tiger. If the hole or entrance be stopped up, the animal within will be asphyxiated in a couple of minutes. The Chinese books claim that there is a kind which will burn under water and asphyxiate every fish in a stream or pond within a radius of over a hundred feet. This variety has never been seen by any trustworthy European witness.

The ancient cannon of China are worthy of considerable study. There is but little doubt that these instruments were first invented in the neighborhood of Nanking. Those with which the Turks startled Europe in the last years of Byzantium were secured by that warlike race from the foundrymen of the great nation that bordered them on the South East. The Turks themselves were poor artificers in metal and depended on other countries for their arms and munitions of war. Neither Genghis Khan, Bajazet nor Tamerlane possessed cannons, and those immortal Generals had conquered and owned nearly all of Asia, excepting China. On the other hand both the Japanese and Chinese records refer to them over a thousand years ago, and in the arsenals and museums of Canton, Nanking and Peking are guns which are certainly more than seven centuries old. Odd to relate, the gun-makers of that well-nigh forgotten epoch used powerful hoops to re-enforce both breech and barrel. In one instance at Canton, they strengthened the gun by encasing it with iron or steel rods firmly held together by large hoops of the same metal. They also anticipated the rapid-firing Gatling and Maxim guns by forging three barrels together into one clumsy piece. The queer little guns or mortars, used in saluting mandarins when making official visits, seem to be direct descendants of the hooped cannons of the Middle Age. It seems strange that, having created so useful an engine of war, the Chinese should not have developed it, and stranger still that they should have neglected it until it was almost forgotten.

THE FRENCH MINISTER AT PEKING.

In its issue of the 16th inst. the *N. C. Daily News* says:—

"We hear on good authority that M. Lemaire remains at Peking as French Minister, and M. Dubail returns to Shanghai as Consul-General."

There would, however, appear to have been something amiss with the "good authority," as on the following day our contemporary temporises thusly:—

"There is some uncertainty about the French Legation at Peking. There is one report that M. Lemaire has had his leave postponed to next spring; another that M. Le Myre de Vilers, at present French Plenipotentiary to Siam, is coming as French Minister to China; another that the present French Minister to Chile has been transferred to Peking.—It seems to be certain that under any circumstances M. Dubail is returning to his post at Shanghai."

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Hongkong, 21st October, 1893. [1140

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Hongkong 21st October, 1893. [1109

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By Order of the Board,
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The Share Market.

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Chinese Imperial Loan of 1884 B—2½ per cent. premium, sellers.
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Union Insurance Society of Canton—$86 per share, ex div., buyers.
China Traders' Insurance Company—$51 per share, buyers.
North China Insurance—Tls. 115 per share, buyers.
Canton Insurance Company, Limited—$120 per share, sales.
Yangtsze Insurance Association—$60, sellers.
On Tai Insurance Company, Limited—Tls. 15 per share.
Hongkong Fire Insurance Company—$195 per share, sellers.
China Fire Insurance Company—$78 per share, sales and buyers.
Hongkong, Canton, and Macao Steamboat Co.—$25½ per share, sales and buyers.
China and Manila Steam Ship Company—$30 per share, sales and sellers.
Indo-China Steam Navigation Company, Limited—61 per cent. discount, sales and buyers.
Douglas Steamship Company—$37, buyers.
The Steam Launch Co., Limited—$20 per share, buyers.
Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Company—72 per cent premium, sellers.
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The Austin Arms Hotel and Building Company, Limited—$4 per share, sellers.
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Société Française des Charbonnages du Tonkin—$70 per share, sales and buyers.
The Jelebu Mining and Trading Co., Limited—$1⅞ ex. div., sales and sellers.
New Imuris Mining Co., Limited—nominal.
London and Pacific Petroleum Co, Ld.—*nlx.*
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Hongkong Dairy Farm Co., Limited—$4½ per share, sellers.
The Kowloon Land Investment Co., Limited—$7½ per share, sales and buyers.
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The West Point Buildings Co., Limited—$20 per share, sellers.
H. G. Brown & Co., Limited—$8 per share, sales and buyers.
Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company—$38 per share, sellers.
Hongkong Rope Manufacturing Company, Limited—$85 per share, sellers.
Hongkong Gas Company—$110 per share, buyers.
Hongkong Ice Company—$67 per share, buyers.
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Post Office.

A MAIL WILL CLOSE—

For Holhow, Singapore, and Bangkok.—Per *Taichiow* to-morrow, the 22nd instant, at 8.30 A.M.

For Canton.—Per *Powan* to-morrow, the 22nd instant, at 9 A.M.

For Yokohama and Hiogo.—Per *Gerda* on Monday, the 23rd instant, at 3.30 P.M.

For Shanghai.—Per *Taisang* on Tuesday, the 24th instant, at 1.30 P.M.

For Shanghai.—Per *Ningpo* on Tuesday, the 24th instant, at 3.30 P.M.

CHINA COAST METEOROLOGICAL REGISTER.

20th October, 1893.—At 4 p.m.

STATION.	Barometer reduced to 32° Fah.	Temperature.	Humidity.	Wind. Direction.	Wind. Force.	Weather.	Rain last 24 hours.
Wladivostock	29.90	43	...	S	2	b	...
Tokyo	.....	...	...	...	...	...	...
Nagasaki	30.18	...	...	NNW	3	c	...
Shanghai	30.29	69	47	NNE	2	c	...
Amoy	30.16	79	47	NNE	2	b	...
Anping	30.10	...	...	S	2	b	...
Swatow	30.17	77	...	E	2	b	...
Canton	30.15	81	...	NE	3	c	...
Hongkong	30.14	74	62	E	2	b	...
Victoria Peak	.....	...	...	E	2	...	...
Gap Rock	30.16	...	...	E	3	...	...
Macao	30.14	79	58	NNE	1	c	...
Hoihow	30.18	78	...	ENE	3	c	...
Haiphong	30.08	81	62	E	2	b	...
Holmo	29.90	82	67	N	2	b	...
Manila	29.90	81	68	NNE	2	c	...
Cape St. James	29.93	...	...	SW	2	c	...

21st October, 1893.—At 10 a.m.

STATION.	Barometer reduced to 32° Fah.	Temperature.	Humidity.	Wind. Direction.	Wind. Force.	Weather.	Rain last 24 hours.
Wladivostock	30.03	41	74	SSE	1	b	...
To-lo	.....	...	...	...	...	...	...
Chusan	30.37	66	64	NNE	2	c	...
Foochow	.....	...	...	...	...	...	...
Amoy	30.19	70	61	NE	2	b	...
Anping	.....	...	...	...	...	...	...
Swatow	.....	...	...	...	...	...	...
Canton	30.27	81	90	NE	3	c	...
Hongkong	30.26	75	48	E	3	b	0.01
Victoria Peak	.....	...	...	...	...	...	...
Gap Rock	30.21	...	...	...	...	...	...
Macao	.....	...	...	...	...	...	...
Hoihow	.....	...	...	...	...	...	...
Haiphong	30.16	74	80	NW	1	c	...
Bolinao	29.99	81	64	ESE	2	b	...
Manila	.....	...	...	...	...	...	...
Cape St. James	30.02	...	...	N	2	c	...

21st, 10.15 a.m. Barometer steady. Gradients rather steep for north-east winds. Sea moderate. Weather fine.

1—Barometer reduced to level of the sea in inches, tenths and hundredths. 2—Temperature in the shade in degrees, Fahrenheit. 3—Humidity in percentage of saturation, the humidity of air saturated with moisture being 100. 4—Direction of the wind to two points. 5—Force of the wind according to Beaufort scale. 6—State of the weather, *a* Blue sky, *b* Detached clouds, *c* Drizzling rain, *d* Fog, *e* Gloomy, *f* Hail, *g* Lightning, *h* Overcast, *i* Passing showers, *j* Squally, *k* Rain, *l* Snow, *m* Thunder, *n* Visibility, *o* Dew wet). 7—Rain in inches, tenths and hundredths.

F. G. FIOO, First Assistant.

Hongkong Observatory, 21st October, 1893.

HONGKONG REGISTER.

	Previous day 4 p.m.	On date at 10 a.m.	On date at 4 p.m.
Barometer	30.14	30.26	30.16
Temperature	74	75	75
Humidity	62	48	60
Direction of wind	E	E	ESE
Force	2	3	2
Weather	b	b	b
Rain	—	0.01	—

Highest open air temperature on the 20th 76
Lowest open air temperature on the 20th 68

F. G. FIOO, First Assistant.

14th, 1 p.m. Typhoon in south-west Japan.

Hongkong Observatory, 21st October, 1893.

Shipping.

ARRIVALS.

RADNORSHIRE, British steamer, 1,900, F. Davies, R.N.R., 20th Oct.,—Singapore 13th Oct., General.—Dodwell, Carlill & Co.

HONGKONG, French steamer, 738, C. Bastran, 20th Oct.,—Haiphong 18th Oct., General.—A. R. Marty.

ZAFIRO, British steamer, 672, A. W. R. Cobban, 21st Oct.,—Manila 18th Oct., General.—Shewan & Co.

HAILOONG, British steamer, 783, J. S. Roach, 21st Oct.,—Swatow 20th Oct., General.—D. Lapraik & Co.

YIKSANG, British steamer, 887, Thom, 21st Oct.,—Chefoo 15th Oct., General.—Jardine, Matheson & Co.

FUSHUN, Chinese steamer, 1,504, Lancaster, 21st Oct.,—Shanghai 17th Oct., General.—C. M. S. N. Co.

SISHAN, British steamer, 845, A. Murphy, 21st Oct.,—Samarang 9th Oct., Sugar.—Geo. R. Stevens.

NANSHAN, British steamer, 805, J. Blackburne, 21st Oct.,—Bangkok 11th Oct., General.—Hop Hing Hong.

CLEARANCES AT THE HARBOUR OFFICES

Haitan, British steamer, for Swatow, &c.
Ask, Danish steamer, for Hoihow, &c.
Meefoo, Chinese steamer, for Shanghai.
Jacob Diederichsen, German str., for Saigon.
Freja, Danish steamer, for Hoihow, &c.
Taksang, British steamer, for Swatow, &c.
Moyune, British steamer, for Singapore, &c.
Memnon, British steamer, for Kudat, &c.
Cicero, British steamer, for Saigon.
Taichiow, British steamer, for Hoihow, &c.

DEPARTURES.

October 21, *Forfait*, French cruiser, for Yokohama.
October 21, *Cape Colonna*, British steamer, for Hongay.
October 21, *Woosung*, British str., for Shanghai.
October 21, *Whampoa*, British steamer, for Shanghai
October 21. *Memnon*, British str., for Kudat, &c.
October 21, *Taksang*, British str., for Swatow.
October 21, *Meefoo*, Chinese str., for Shanghai.

PASSENGERS—ARRIVED

Per *Zafiro*, from Manila.—Mr. and Mrs. M. Carmona, 2 children and maid, Mr. and Mrs. Agusto and child, Mr. and Mrs. Lopez Mendeca and child, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Domoes and child, Rev. N. V. I. Souza, Messrs. Onos, Bojans, Azevedo, Caviera, Pedro, Gobounet, 427 Europeans and 40 Chinese (deck).

Per *Radnorshire*, from Singapore.—Mr. B. F. Barlow, and 157 Chinese.

Per *Hongkong*, from Haiphong.—12 Chinese.

Per *Hailoong*, from Swatow.—Mr. G. C. Bowman, and 127 Chinese.

Per *Fushun*, from Shanghai.—168 Chinese.

Per *Nanshan*, from Bangkok.—2 Chinese.

REPORTS.

The British steamship *Yiksang* reports that she left Chefoo on the 15th instant. Had strong north-east monsoon to Breaker Point; thence to port had light north-north-east winds.

The British steamship *Sishan* reports that she left Samarang on the 9th instant. Had light variable winds and fine weather to the north of Luzon; thence had strong north-east winds and heavy sea.

The British steamship *Hailoong* reports that she left Swatow on the 20th instant. From Swatow to port had moderate north-east and east winds and fine clear weather. In Swatow the steamships *Chowfa*, *Siam*, *Hoihow*, *Hangchow*, and *Taicheong*

The British steamship *Radnorshire* reports that she left Singapore on the 15th instant. The first part of the voyage had fine weather with light south-west winds. Afterwards had fresh north-east and east winds with much rain and high sea. The latter part had moderate to light winds and fine weather.

The British steamship *Nanshan* reports that she left Bangkok on the 11th instant, and Koh-si-chang on the 13th. From Pulo Obi to Cape Padaran had fresh easterly and north-east breeze and head sea. From Cape Padaran to Cape Varella had variable north-easterly, north-easterly, easterly, and south-easterly winds, with thick rain and high north-east and easterly sea; thence to port had strong north-east monsoon and high sea. On the 19th passed the steamship *Chelydra*, in lat. 18.20 north and long. 111.21 east.

The British steamship *Zafiro* reports that she left Manila on the 18th instant. Had strong north-east winds with high cross sea.

The Chinese steamship *Fushun* reports that she left Shanghai on the 17th instant. Had fresh north-east monsoon with fine weather the entire passage.

SHIPPING IN HONGKONG

STEAMERS.

AMIGO, German steamer, 771, T. Bendixen, 16th July,—Saigon 12th July, Rice.—Wieler & Co.

ASK, Danish steamer, 592, Rovsbeck, 19th Oct.,—Haiphong 19th Oct., and Hoihow General.—A. R. Marty.

BANTAM, Dutch steamer, 1,457, C. J. van de Bergh, 19th July,—Bangkok 13th July, Rice.—Lauts, Wegener & Co.

BELGIC, British steamer, 4,211, Wm. H. Walker, 15th Oct.,—San Francisco 21st Sept., and Yokohama 10th October, Mails and General.—O. & O. S. S. Co.

CICERO, British steamer, 1,030, A. George, 15th Oct.,—Saigon 10th October, General.—Arnhold, Karberg & Co.

DONAR, German steamer, 1,201, B. Grundmann, 16th Oct.,—Saigon 11th Oct., Rice Flour.—Lauts, Wegener & Co.

EMPRESS OF CHINA, British steamer, 3,003, R. Archibald, R.N.R., 10th Oct.,—Vancouver 18th Sept., Victoria 19th, Yokohama 2nd Oct., Kobe 4th, Nagasaki 6th, and Shanghai 8th, General.—C. P. R. Co.

FAME, British steamer, 117, Captain McIsaac,—Hongkong Government tender.

FREJR, Danish steamer, 397, C. L. Strand, 02th Oct.,—Pakhoi 17th October, and Hoihow 19th General.—Arnhold, Karberg & Co.

GERDA, German steamer, 2,111, T. Ehlers, 19th Oct.,—Singapore 13th October, General.—Siemssen & Co.

HAIPHONG, French steamer, 874, H. Galetti, 20th Oct.,—Haiphong 18th Oct., General.—Messageries Maritimes.

HAITAN, British steamer, 1,182, F. D. Goddard, 19th Oct.,—Foochow 15th Oct., Amoy 17th, and Swatow 18th, General.—D. Lapraik & Co.

JACOB DIEDERICHSEN, German steamer, 710, A. Hundewadt, 17th October,—Hoihow 15th October, Ballast.—Carlowitz & Co.

KONG BENG, British steamer, 862, J. B. Jackson, 19th Oct.,—Bangkok 12th Oct., General.—Yuen Fat Hong.

LIGHTNING, British steamer, 2,124, J. G. Spence, 17th Oct.,—Calcutta 30th Sept., and Singapore 10th Oct., Opium and General.—D. Sassoon, Sons & Co.

MOYUNE, British steamer, 1,714, C. de L. Perrell, 20th Oct.,—Foochow 18th October, General.—Arnhold, Karberg & Co.

NURNBERG, German steamer, 3,207, H. Walter, 14th Oct.,—Yokohama 6th Oct., Kobe 9th, and Nagasaki 10th, Mails and General.—Melchers & Co.

PILOT FISH, British steamer, 161, A. Stopani,—Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Co.

TAICHIOW, British steamer, 862, R. Unsworth, 18th Oct.,—Bangkok 4th Oct., General.—Yuen Fat Hong.

SAILING VESSELS.

ADOLPH, German bark, 867, E. Westergaard, 21st Aug.,—Hamburg 22nd April, General.—Siemssen & Co.

BASUTO, German bark, 348, H. Eggers, 14th Oct.,—Amoy 4th Oct., Sugar.—Wieler & Co.

BITTERN, British barquentine, 393, J. Strenach, 17th Sept.,—Albany, W.A., 29th July, Sandalwood.—Order.

CENTENNIAL, American ship, 1,223, B. J. Colcord, 6th Sept.,—Singapore 23rd August, Timber, Order.

ELIZABETH AHRENS, German bark, 397, T. Alm, 5th Oct.,—Tientsin 21st Sept., Beans.—Captain.

F. SKOLFIELD, British ship, 1,023, W. E. Sherman, 4th Oct.,—Singapore 13th Sept., Timber.—Master.

GEORGE STETSON, American bark, 1,878, E. S. Murphy, 6th August,—New York 12th April, Kerosene Oil.—Captain.

IMACOS, Norwegian barque, 577, Olsen, 15th October,—Amoy 14th October, Ballast.—Captain.

JOHN CURRIER, American ship, 1,848, R. S. Lawrence, 4th Oct.,—Shanghai 23rd Sept., Ballast.—Order.

JOHN R. KELLEY, American ship, 2,255, O. E. Chapman, 1st Sept.,—New York 9th May, Kerosene Oil.—Master.

LUCY A. NICKELS, American bark, 1,330, C. M. Nichols, 3rd Aug.,—New York 6th March, Kerosene Oil.—Melchers & Co.

MARTHA BOCKHAHN, German ship, 726, Ed. Meiecke, 11th Oct.,—Philadelphia 21st May, Petroleum.—Order.

NAM SHUN SING, Chinese 3-m. sch., 368, Lok Li Tong, 3rd August,—Saigon 24th August, Wood.—Yong Kee & Co.

SOMALI, British 4-masted ship, 3,332, D. Morgan, 17th May,—Singapore 21st March, Ballast.—Order.

VELOCITY, British bark, 491, R. Martin, 14th Oct.,—Honolulu 31st August, General.—Chinese.

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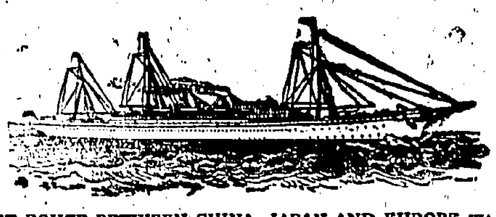

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Tacoma	Tuesday	Feb. 27th, '94.

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